

PORT SECURITY: Approximately 95 percent of all cargo moving in and out of our country is carried on foreign-flag vessels with crews of foreign nationals, a significant number of these foreign-flag are operated under flag of convenience with multinational crews, in some cases more than 20 different nationalities. In addition, millions of American passengers sail in and out American ports on foreign flag passenger vessels. In my opinion, until and unless we address the security risk presented by the, unrestricted access of foreign-flag vessels and their crews to our ports, the threat of yet another terrorist-related disaster remains great.